

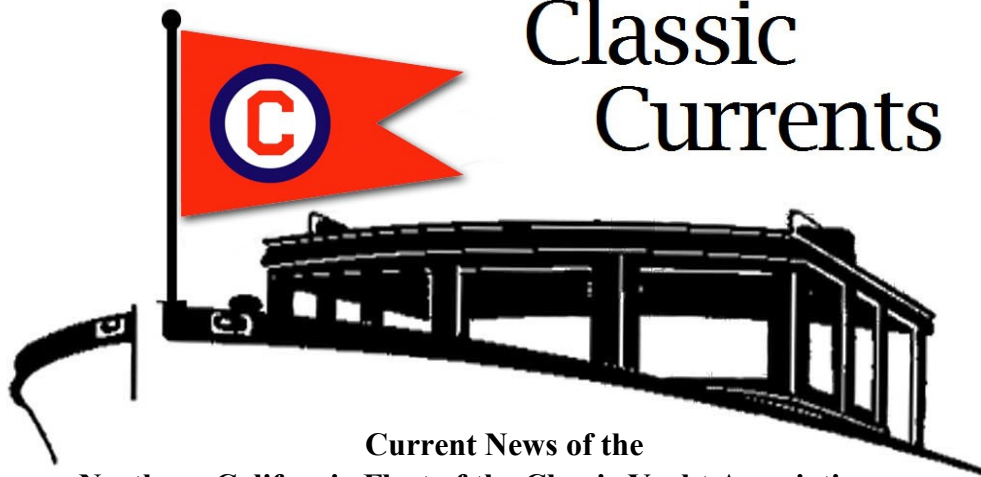
Classic Currents



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Current News of the Northern California Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association

Commodore's Report *-by Scott Andrews*

Ahoy, Northern California CYA fleet members;

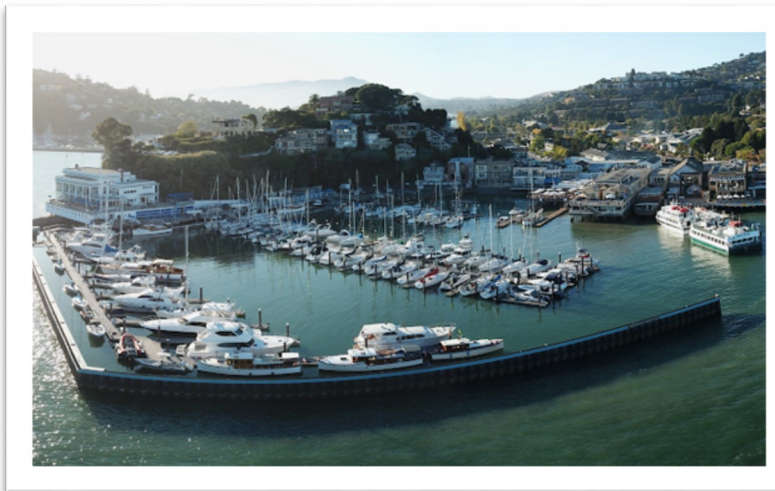
As this season, and my term as Commodore of the Northern California Fleet of the CYA draw to a close, I wanted to share some thoughts on our fleet, and also share our proposed agenda items for the Annual meeting in January, which will be hosted in the Seattle area by the Pacific Northwest Fleet. These meetings are always informative, so if you are interested on how the CYA operates, or just want to be more involved, I encourage you to attend.

This year, the NC Bridge has raised three topics for the annual meeting agenda

1. Photo Album - Recommend we establish a subcommittee to explore updating the CYA Photo album
2. Organizational Structure - Proposal to revise the organizational structure of the CYA and Board to more closely match other non-profit corporations. The National level should be composed of a Board of Directors, President, VP, secretary and Treasurer and any other officers that are deemed necessary.
3. New Marina Policies Regarding Wooden Boats It has been brought to the NC Fleet's attention that Safe Harbors, the largest marina management company in the United States, has instructed its harbor-

masters to no longer allow wood hull vessels permanent slip lease contracts regardless of their status or

condition, even with a good survey. This new policy has the potential to severely impact all CYA members. We feel it is important to engage Safe Harbors, and eventually other marinas and marina management companies, and proactively work to reach a mutually acceptable solution.



View of the Corinthian Yacht Club hosting the Classics from George Homenko's drone

This year was something of an experiment relative to events. We started the year with a full calendar of events, but several of them ended up being cancelled, either due to unavoidable circumstances, or because of low attendance. Of the events we did hold, some were

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very well attended, and others saw only a few boats. In hindsight, it seems that a smaller number of more curated events is probably preferable. That will spread the fleet a little less thinly, and should make for better overall participation. I do like the fact that this year we had a good mix of Delta and Bay activities. I hope that next year we can coordinate some of the Delta events so that folks from the Bay can make a long trip of it, and endure fewer treks across the northern bays.

We are ending the year in reasonable financial shape, thanks in large part to a yeoman's effort by Tom Clothier to sell advertisements in our newsletter. Our advertisers are seeking our business, so I encourage you all to patronize them for your various boat needs.

As of this writing, we are still seeking a rear commodore for 2020. If you have any interest in participating in the planning of our events, or just hanging out with a fine group of fellow boat enthusiasts over coffee a few times a year, I encourage you to contact our nominating committee chair, Gerry Kamilos. The CYA is managed as a volunteer organization, and it is essential that we have participation from across the membership.

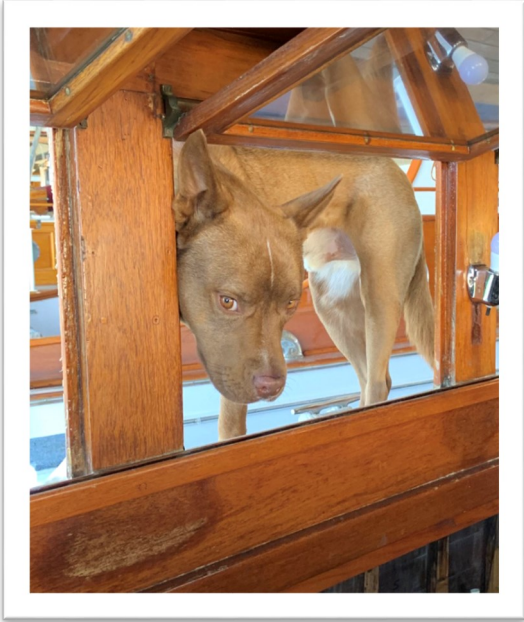
Lastly, I wanted to provide an update on Grind-



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stone Joe's. We managed to raise a significant amount of capital from the membership, and have installed a new water well. The water quality is good, with the usual issues with iron and manganese. We are currently installing a sophisticated filtration and water softener facility, and should have high quality water back on the island by the end of October. We are also installing a new wastewater system, which should be completed by the end of November, depending on the weather (if we get into any heavy rains, we may wait on this until spring, since it involves some significant excavation). So, after some trying times, the facility is back in operation.

We are hoping to hold a 100th anniversary rededication event sometime next spring. It would be great to see a fleet of classics on the island for that. I'll keep you all posted.

It has been a pleasure, and an honor to serve the fleet and the greater CYA. I look forward to seeing many of you out on the water!

EDITORIAL NOTE: We have just been informed by Gerry Kamilos, Chair of the Nominating Committee, that David Cobb has accepted the nomination for the position of Rear Commodore. Thank you David

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It has been a busy summer and it is still going on. The Stockton Yacht Club held their seventh annual specialty car and boat show on September 7. It brought in a good crowd along with several classic yachts and a raft of interesting motor vehicles.

My favorite vehicle was a cool old firetruck, I think it was about a 1918 model, finished beautifully and drivable. I could not count all the Panteras there - a bunch of them. Randy and Linda Welch who put on the show each year have a few Panteras themselves and they got many of their friends who own Panteras to bring them. They served 125 barbeque lunches and 120 dinners, good turnout! It looks like this might be the last year of the show unless someone picks it up. Randy and Linda are moving to Kauai. This will be a big loss to the club and the community.

Patrick won the Peoples Choice award for *Triple Crown*, she was looking great. Other classics were *Catherine E* (George and Candace), *Northstar II* (Alan), *Eslo* (Tom and Nancy), and Richard Dunn with his beautiful Stephens runabout, he has put a lot of work into her lately and she is looking good.

If you have not heard by now, please mark the weekend of September 11 - 13, 2020 in your calendar. 2020 will be Dick Stephens 100th birthday and we will have the mother of all Stephens Rendezvous' at Village West Marina in Stockton. Rusty and I are working on this and it will be spectacular. We have the docks at Village West and if there is an overwhelming turnout the Stockton Downtown Marina will handle the overflow. We will cruise by Dick and Donna's home on the Calaveras river blowing our horns, sirens, and cannons to make it a memorial time for him.

Details on this great event will follow.

My boat is at Ladd's Marina & Shipyard in Stockton for some work. She had several cracked frames and a couple of waterlogged planks. She has been out of the water for a couple of weeks now but should be back in by the time you read this. They brought in Gene Moore's old boat *Silver Crest* for some work, she is next to *Ranger*. The folks at Ladd's are great and the technicians can trace their training back to Stephens Brothers.

I am sad to report that Schatzie Haws, a Staff Commodore of the Stockton Yacht Club and an all around great person with a perpetual smile has crossed over the bar. She will be missed by her friends including me. If you ever attended an event there you met her.

Barron Hilton who has been sponsoring the Independence Day fireworks display at Mandeville Tip in the Delta since 1958 has caught the outgoing

tide. He has left an endowment to continue the show in the future.

Lastly, Bob Light the renowned cartoonist for the Rio Vista, "River News Herald" has passed away. Bob had a biting, sardonic wit and was merciless with those that he perceived were attacking the Delta. One of my major ambitions in life was to be the subject of a political cartoon and Bob featured me several times - (always in a good light).



Tom Clothier, Linda and Randy Welch and Patrick Welch as Patrick/Triple Crown win Best in Show, Stockton Yacht Club 2019

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The meeting was held on September 7th at the Richmond Yacht Club. The agenda of this meeting was to bestow fourteen trophies and awards to winners of the PICYA Youth Sailing Program and other annual regattas sponsored by the PICYA, notably the prestigious Sir Thomas Lipton Series. The meeting was preceded by an excellent power point program on the history of yachting on San Francisco Bay, presented by Ron Young, PICYA Historian of the Year and member of the Saint Francis Yacht Club. The PICYA established uniform rules for racing on S.F. Bay many years ago.

Of note, CYA Staff Commodore Bill Wells' grand daughter, Daisy Lewis, was the recipient of a PICYA college scholarship at the August Delegates meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club, which Bill attended as Alternate Delegate in our absence.

The October delegates meeting was held at the Tahoe Yacht Club on October 12th. The focus was primarily on administrative issues: presentation of the proposed operating budget for 2020 (approved by vote of the Delegates), a report of the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for next year's officers and directors, and a request for nominations of individuals and clubs for the Annual PICYA Awards.

A presentation was also made on California's "Boat Clean and Green" water quality program. Free packets containing information on boating environmental safety laws and oil absorbent pads were made available to those at the meeting.

The final delegates meeting of 2019, that is dedicated to presentation of the Annual Awards, was on November 3rd at the Encinal Yacht Club.

The PICYA Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers and Directors is scheduled for January 18th also at the Encinal Yacht Club.

Daisy Lewis, granddaughter of Bill Wells, received a scholarship from the PICYA

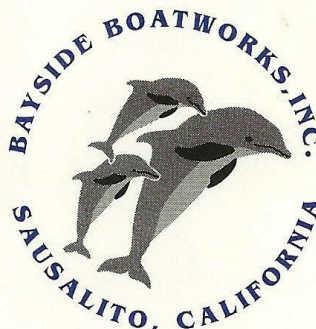
Daisy Lewis graduated from C. K. McClatchy High School in Sacramento with a 4.3 GPA. As a highly involved and active leader, she served as Class President,



Student Body President, founded the French Club, was a 4-year member of the California Scholarship Federation, was Treasurer of Eco Club, and was Vice President of the Fashion Club. In addition,

she played varsity tennis for four years, was team captain, and was Metro League Individual Champion for four years. She also received the Bill Morgan Sportsmanship Award, given to one graduating senior each year. One of her passions has been her long-lasting dedication to the community through "4-H On the Wild Side" where she has been a volunteer teacher for 4 years at an overnight science camp for underprivileged 4th-6th graders. She helps to develop this program, plan meetings, and write grants. She will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall and is majoring in Sustainable Environmental Design. She will focus on environmental solutions for sustainability with regards to city planning, as well as nutrition and food.

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The Northern California fleet gained an increase of one membership with 3 new members and 2 non-renewals.

We are happy to welcome in 2019 Bob Leff and Donna Hale of Sausalito, Vern and Jenise Vierra of Acampo and Dan and Susan Hunter of Belvedere. The NC Commodore reported that he attempt to contact one long term member who did not renew, but to date had received no response and another member of the bridge offered to follow up with the second non-renewal to learn of the reasons for their decision and whether there is anything that would encourage their

reinstatement or information that would be of value in retaining memberships.



Fleetwood—new owners are Dan and Susan Hunter

Going forward the NC fleet will focus on increasing new membership by encouraging visitors from the public on our yachts at our Cruise Out locations, highlighting the history and restoration of our vessels at these events and engendering enthusiasm from future potential skippers in the hobby. Members are always gracious in welcoming visitors aboard, such as at the recent SFYC cruise-out and Classics at the Corinthian show and when possible these events will be announced in the local yacht club publications prior to the actual date to promote attendance.

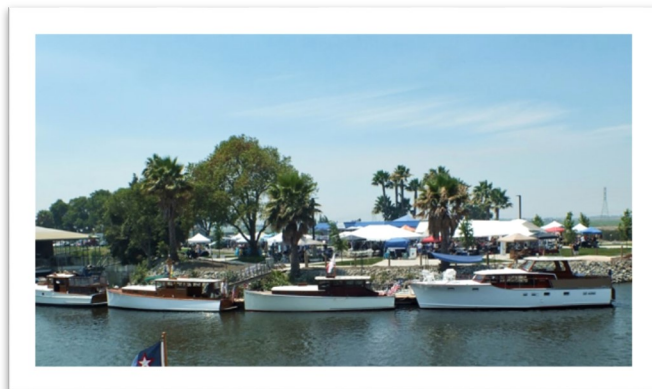


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Those of you who read the Northern California report in the last National Newsletter know that your editor, Patrick Welsh, Tom and Nancy Clothier, George Homenko and Candace Gable, and Steve and Cheryl Kadzielawa once again headed for foreign ports for another river cruise adventure. This year Nancy organized the cruise on a five-cabin yacht from Le Boat on the Rideau Canal in eastern Canada. Our voyage took us from Ottawa to the small town of Smith Falls where the Le Boat facilities are located. We departed early the next morning after arriving in Smith Falls and headed east to Merrickville where we berthed for the night. After touring this picturesque village we turned back to Smith Falls where we pumped out the boat, refilled our water tanks and headed west, upriver.

The Rideau canal, a world heritage site, was completed in 1832 as for military purposes, as a secure supply route in the event of war with the United States. Later commercial transport became the primary purpose of the canal, that, finally being replaced by the railroad system. Today the canal is most used for recreational boating, the locks operating by hand much as they did when the canal was first built.

Going through the locks seemed to be an easier task



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than was the situation in France during our last voyage. The locks were all attended by a number of young men and women who assisted boaters into the locks and went through the drill of closing the gates and opening them after the water levels had been reached. Tying up to the sides of the locks was easier too as the Canadians had cables that ran from top to bottom where you attached your holding lines. In France you had little help and you had to lasso the cleats on top of the locks to get tied down. This sometimes took a number of throws before you were able to circle the cleat.



Patrick and Steve, Cruising Down the Canal

The canal itself is really a series of canals that connect a number of small lakes. Once you left one canal you had many choices on where to cruise while you were in the lakes which was nice. Most of the time by being careful you had plenty of depth for navigation. One Le Boat customer wasn't paying attention to the navigational markers and ran aground off a small island. Off to the rescue our larger boat was able to tow the

smaller one off the rocks without any damage and they were soon on their way.

Considering the time we had for our rental we decided that the turn around point for our round trip was another midsize village of Westport, about halfway down the system from Smith Falls to Kingston where the canal joins up with the St Lawrence River. Most of the time the weather was great, not so hot or chilly, but that could change quite dramatically in the late afternoons as storm clouds built up out of nowhere and often pelted you with heavy rain and strong winds. One afternoon after returning from a trip around Upper Rideau

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Lake we encountered one of these storms with winds easily in the gale force and driving rain. Fortunately, these storms blow over rather quickly. Unfortunately the winds proved too much for our bimini top, blowing it



Patrick Welch on crew duty

over and twisting the metal frames like pretzels. Le Boat gave us no trouble with this damage. Apparently storms such as these are a regular hazard this time of the year.

After seven days of cruising we made our way back to Smith Falls where we disembarked and the crew caught different modes of trans-

portation to their final destinations. Nancy and Tom and I headed for Quebec City while Patrick, George and Candace headed for Maine to visit George's daughter. We spent three days in Quebec walking around this beautiful city. According to my I phone I walked an astonishing (for me!) near five miles one day.

Where the group will head to next year is still up in the air. Ireland has been suggested so we shall see. Stay tuned.

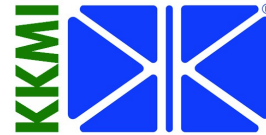
Meanwhile another one of our intrepid travelers, Cynthia McMillen, reports that her "safari" to Kenya was a blast. She Hot Air Ballooned over the Maasai Mara National Park Game Reserve and witnessed the annual mass migration of nearly two million Wildebeest and Zebra from the Serengeti Park in Tanzania northward to the Maasai Mara. I have been there, and it is spectacular, but missed the Hot Air Balloon ride. Drats!

Two local Bay events to report. Our annual Corinthian Yacht Club cruise is always a good time



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and well attended. Gerry Kamilos took the lead on this one and filled up our allotted berths with *North Star II*, *Triple Crown*, *Allure*, *Elizabeth*, *Skal*, *Miss 102*, and *Sea Breeze*. More club members and guests joined in for another great dinner at the Club on Saturday night.



Tom Clothier, Cheryl Kadzielawa, Candace Gable, Nancy Clothier, George Homenko, Patrick Welch and Steve Kadzielawa on LeBoat

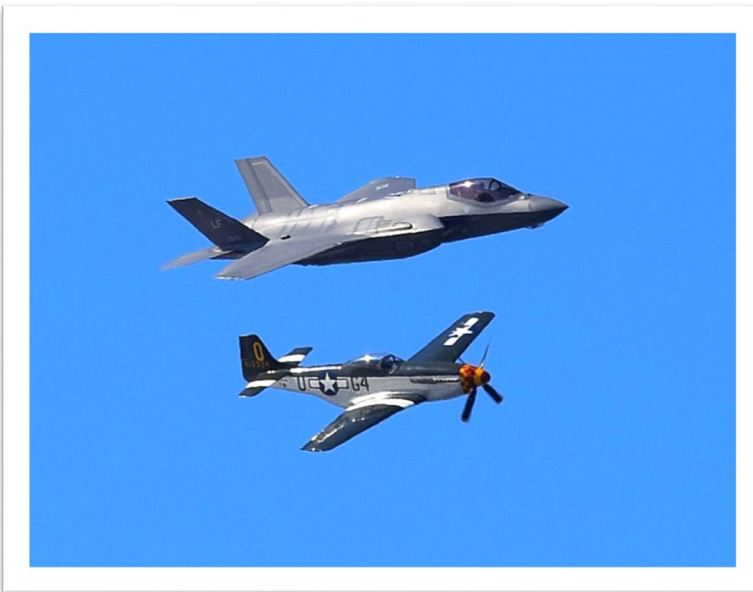
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The *Blue Angels* did another spectacular air show on the weekend of October 12-13, completing the events of this years "Fleet week." I took North Star out to take a close up look and joined the hundreds of yachts, ferries, a couple of commercial ships, and the coast guard vying to get the best view. The WWII transport ship, *Jeremiah O'Brien*, was also out on the Bay, but it had to be pushed around by a couple of tugboats, itself not being very maneuverable in close quarters.

The Nuts and Bolts. I reported in the last issue about a source for bolts and fasteners back East and successfully ordered from them on-line. On further investigation I found a local source, Bay Bolt, 4610 Malat Street in Oakland near the High Street off ramp from I880. These guys

(and gals) have just about everything, at near wholesale prices. I needed a few small screws and they had them. But be aware there is a seven dollar minimum for any order at the counter.



A special treat at the Fleet Week event was the new F-35 jet flying along side a World War II P51-D

Finally, Nancy and I are considering publishing *Classic Currents* on-line and retiring the print format. Let me know what you think about this idea. There are a lot of positives for changing the format not the least is the cost to the club for the print production and mailing. Most of the yacht clubs now use the on-line version of their newsletters and it seems, from what I can gather, that it works well. This subject will be discussed at the first Bridge meeting on January 25th at the Encinal Yacht Club. Hope to see everyone there.

First Bridge Meeting for 2020
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Items to be discussed include cruising schedule for 2020 Report by the National Fleet Representatives on Change of Watch in Seattle. Lunch available at the club after the meeting. All members encouraged to attend.

Coming Events

San Rafael Lighted Boat Parade
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Change of Watch Encinal Yacht Club
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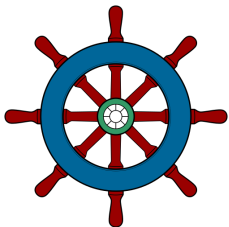
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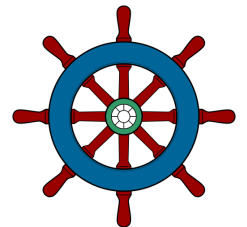
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